

Hindi Month

3941. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether September, 1996 is being celebrated as Hindi month.

(b) whether any assessment regarding the use of Hindi is likely to be made in this month, and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to promote the use of Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS : (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) "Hindi Fortnight" is being celebrated this year from 1st September, to 15th September, 1996

(b) and (c) To review the quarterly progress reports received from Central Government Offices regarding the work done in Official Language Hindi in these Offices; to fix the targets after preparing annual programme and after obtaining report in regard to their implementation, submission of Annual Assessment Report before the Parliament, etc., are the regular functions of this Department. No special assessments has been proposed to assess the progress of work being done in Official Language Hindi.

Shifting of B.S.F. Staff

3942. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the entire staff of the intelligence branch of B.S.F. posted at Gurdaspur, Amritsar and Ferozpur has been shifted recently following the arrest of a Joint Assistant Director for his alleged involvement in smuggling of the narcotics;

(b) whether the Government have initiated any enquiries against these officials and some of their predecessors for acquisition of assets disproportionate to their known sources of income; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS : (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) BSF have reported that all the members of Intelligence Branch posted at Amritsar have been shifted after the arrest of Joint Assistant Director for his alleged involvement in smuggling of narcotics consignments. As regards transfer of officials posted at Gurdaspur and Ferozpur, it has been reported that only those officials who had completed their normal tenure of posting have been shifted.

(b) and (c) BSF have informed that whenever such cases come to notice, discreet enquiries are made by the

Vigilance Branch and the competent authority initiates disciplinary action against the delinquent as per BSF Act and Rules if there is *prima facie* case or involvement. Accordingly an enquiry to assess the assets of one official has been ordered by BSF.

Fake Railway Passes

3943. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that a well organized racket in the fake Railway passes is thriving in Bihar for the past several years;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard, and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the steps taken to countenance this racket in the fake Railway passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) Government is not aware of any well organized racket in the fake Railway passes thriving in Bihar. However, during the last 2½ years, 7 isolated cases of sale/travel on fake Railway passes have been detected and since outsiders are involved in these cases, the same were referred to CBI/Police for investigation. Reports from them are still awaited.

Frequent checks are being conducted by vigilance and Commercial Departments at Reservation Offices, in running trains and on platforms to detect such instances.

Funds for Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Karnataka

3944. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the financial assistance provided to Karnataka during the Eighth plan for the implementation of various centrally sponsored schemes for increasing the agricultural production in the state; and

(b) the number of farmers benefitted as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The financial assistance provided to the Government of Karnataka during the Eighth Plan for implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes for increasing the agricultural production in the State is given in enclosed statement. It is difficult to quantify the number of farmers benefitted as a result of implementation of the schemes as benefits flow both directly and indirectly.

STATEMENT*Financial Assistance Released to Karnataka During Eighth Plan*

Sl No	Name of the Scheme	Funds Released during VIII Plan
1	National Watershed Project for Rainfed Areas	8848.38
2	Development of Tropical Arid and Temperate Fruits	304.16
3	Development of Cashewnut	342.53
4	Development of Vegetables	56.55
5	Development of Spices	541.20
6	Development of Commercial Floriculture	69.61
7	Development of Root and Tuber Crops	4.85
8	Development of Arecanut	169.24
9	Development of Betelvine	12.64
10	Development of Cocoa	60.96
11	Use of Plastics in Agriculture	2320.43
12	National Pulses Dev Project (NPDP)	384.00
13	Oil seeds Production Programme (OPP)	2533.58
14	Oil Palm Development Programme	1423.79
15	Integrated Cereals development Programme—Rice	347.62
16	Integrated Cereals Development Programme—Coarse Cereals	709.73
17	Intensive Cotton Development Programme	196.54
18	Sustainable Development of Sugarcane based cropping system	247.92
19	Balanced and Integrated use of Fertilisers	58.66
20	National Project on development of Fertiliser Use in Low Consumption and Rainfed Areas	5.69
21	Soil conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects	2130.57
22	Assistance to the Cooperative Credit Institutions in the Cooperatively Under-Development States	163.50
23	Agriculture Credit Stabilisation Fund	130.00
24	Special Scheme for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes	11.00
25	Accelerated Maize development Programme	40.99
26	Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation Among small Farmers	144.60
27	Integrated Seed Development for not easily accessible/remote areas	5.21
28	Development of Infrastructure for Benefit of Small and Marginal Farmers	3690.00
29	Agriculture Census Scheme	87.69
30	Assistance to Women's Cooperatives	91.00
31	Assistance to Weaker Section Cooperatives	48.00
32	Timely reporting Schemes of Estimates of Area and Production of Crops	112.98
33	Improvement of Crop Statistics	13.99
34	Crop Estimation Survey on Fruits, Vegetables and Minor Crops and Diagnostic Studies	157.42
35	National Project on Bio-fertiliser	4.50
36	Streamlining Certified Seed Production of important identified vegetable crops.	1.36
Total :		25470.89